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ATOMIC WEIGHT

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fr. L. *elevatus*,
LEVER\ 1: TO
EXALT 3: TO

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improve morally, intellectually, or culturally 4: to raise the
spirits of: ELATE *syn* see LIFT *ant* lower

el-e-vat-ed \-vāt-əd\ *adj* 1: raised esp. above the ground or
other surface <an ~ highway> 2 a: morally or intellectually on
a high plane <an ~ mind> b: FORMAL, DIGNIFIED <~ diction>

3: exhilarated in mood or feeling

elevated railroad n: an urban or interurban railroad operating

chiefly on an elevated structure — called also *elevated railway*

el-e-vā-tion \el-ə-vā-shən\ n 1: the height to which something

is elevated: as a: the angular distance of a celestial object above

the horizon b: the degree to which a gun is aimed above the

horizon c: the height above the level of the sea: ALTITUDE 2

: a ballet dancer's or a skater's leap and seeming suspension in the

air; also: the ability to achieve an elevation 3: an act or instance

of elevating 4: something that is elevated: as a: an elevated

place b: a swelling esp. on the skin 5: the quality or state of

being elevated 6: a geometrical projection (as of a building) on

a vertical plane *syn* see HEIGHT

el-e-vā-tor \el-ə-vāt-ər\ n 1: one that raises or lifts something

up: as a: an endless belt or chain conveyor with cleats, scoops,

or buckets for raising material b: a cage or platform and its

hoisting machinery for conveying something to different levels c

: a building for elevating, storing, discharging, and sometimes

processing grain 2: a movable auxiliary airfoil usu. attached to

the tail plane of an airplane for producing motion up or down —

see AIRPLANE illustration

el-ev-on \el-ēv-on\ n [ME *enleven*, fr. *enleven*, *adj.*, fr. OE

endlesfan; akin to OHG *enlif* eleven; both fr. a prehistoric Gmc

compound whose first element is akin to OE *an* one, and whose

second element is prob. akin to OE *lōn* to lend] 1 — see NUMBER

table 2: the 11th in a set or series 3: something having 11 units

or members; esp.: a football team — *eleven adj* or *pron* —

el-ev-enth \-ən\ *adj* or *n*

el-ev-ens-as \-ən-zəz\ n *pl* but sometimes *sing* in *constr* [irreg. *pl.* of

eleven (o'clock)] *Brit*: a light lunch or sometimes only coffee or

tea taken around the middle of the morning

eleventh hour n: the latest possible time <won his reprieve at the

eleventh hour>

el-e-von \el-ə-vān\ n (*elevator* + *aileron*): an airplane control

surface that combines the functions of elevator and aileron

elf \elf\ n, *pl* elves \elvz\ [ME, fr. OE *alf*; akin to ON *alfr* elf]

1: a small often mischievous fairy 2 a: a small creature; esp.

: a mischievous child b: a mischievous or malicious person —

elf-ish \el-fish\ *adj* — *elf-ish-ly* *adv*

ELF *abbr* extremely low frequency

elf-in \el-fən\ *adj* [irreg. fr. *elf*] 1 a: of, relating to, or produced

by an elf b: resembling an elf 2: having an otherworldly or

magical quality or charm

elf-lock \el-flək\ n: hair matted as if by elves — usu. used in *pl.*

Eli \ē-lī\ n [Heb *Elī*]: a judge and priest of Israel who according

to the account in I Samuel was entrusted with the care of the boy

Samuel

Eli-as \ē-lī-as\ n [LL, fr. Gk *Elias*, fr. Heb *Eliyāh*]: ELIJAH

elic-it \ē-lis-ət\ w [L *elicitus*, pp. of *elicere*, fr. *e* + *lacere* to allure

— more at DELIGHT] 1 a: to draw forth or bring out (something

latent or potential) b: to derive (as a truth) by logical processes

2: to call forth or draw out (a response or reaction) *syn* see EDUCE

— *elic-it-a-tion* \ē-lis-ə-tā-shən, -tē- n — *elic-it-er* \ē-lis-ət-ər\

n

elide \ē-līd\ v *elid-ed*; *elid-ing* [L *elidere* to strike out, fr. *e* +

laedere to injure by striking] 1 a: to suppress or alter (as a vowel

or syllable) by elision b: to strike out (as a written word or

passage) 2 a: to leave out of consideration; OMIT b: CURTAIL,

ABRIDGE

el-i-gi-ble \ē-lī-jə-bəl\ *adj* [ME, fr. MF & LL; MF, fr. LL *eligibilis*,

fr. L *eligere* to choose — more at ELECT] 1 a: qualified to be

chosen: ENTITLED <~ for sophomore standing> <~ to retire> b:

permitted under football rules to catch a forward pass <an

~ receiver> 2: worthy of being chosen: DESIRABLE <an ~ young

bachelor> — *el-i-gi-bil-i-ty* \ē-lī-jə-bil-ə-tē- n — *el-i-gi-ble* n —

el-i-gi-bly \ē-lī-jə-blē- *adv*

Eli-jah \ē-lī-jə\ n [Heb *Eliyāh*]: a Hebrew prophet of the 9th

century B.C. who according to the account in I Kings championed

the worship of Jehovah as against Baal

elim-i-nate \ē-līm-ə-nāt\ v *-nat-ed*; *-nat-ing* [L *eliminatus*, pp. of

eliminare, fr. *e* + *limin*, *limen* threshold] 1 a: to cast out or

get rid of: REMOVE, ERADICATE <the need to ~ poverty> b: to

set aside as unimportant: IGNORE 2: to expel (as waste) from

the living body 3: to cause to disappear by combining two or

more equations *syn* see EXCLUDE — *elim-i-na-tion* \ē-līm-ə-nā-

shən\ n — *elim-i-na-tive* \ē-līm-ə-nāt-iv\ *adj* — *elim-i-na-tor*

\-nāt-ər\ n

Eli-sha \ē-lī-shə\ n [Heb *Elishā*]: a Hebrew prophet and disciple

and successor of Elijah

el-i-sion \ē-lī-zhən\ n [LL *elision*, *elista*, fr. L *elissus*, pp. of *elidere*

1 a: the use of a speech form that lacks a final or initial sound

which a variant speech form has <the use of 's' instead of 'is' in

English there's is an example of ~> b: the omission of an

unstressed vowel or syllable in a verse to achieve a uniform metrical

pattern 2: the act or an instance of dropping out or omitting

something: OMISSION

elite \ē-līt\ n [F *élite*, fr. OF *estite*, fr. fem. of *estire*, pp. of *estire*

to choose, fr. L *eligere*] 1 a: the choice part; esp.: a socially

superior group b: a powerful minority group <a power ~ inside

the government> 2: a typewriter type providing 12 characters to

the linear inch — *elite adj*

elit-ism \ē-līt-iz-əm\ n 1 a: leadership or rule by an elite b:

belief in or advocacy of such elitism 2: consciousness of being

or belonging to an elite — *elit-ist* \ē-līt-ist\ n or *adj*

elix-ir \ē-līk-sər\ n [ME, fr. ML, fr. Ar *al-iksir* the elixir, fr. *al* the

+ *iksir* elixir, prob. fr. Gk *xēron* desiccative powder, fr. *xēros* dry]

1 a: a substance held capable of changing base metals into gold

: PHILOSOPHER'S STONE b (1): a substance held capable of pro-

longing life indefinitely (2): CURE-ALL (3): a sweetened liquid

elevated • elongation

usu. containing alcohol that is used as a vehicle for medicinal agents

2: the essential principle

Eliz *abbr* Elizabethan

Eliz-a-be-than \ē-līz-ə-bē-than\ *adj*: of, relating to, or character-

istic of Elizabeth I of England or her age — Elizabethan n

elk \ēlk\ n, *pl* elks [ME, prob. fr. OE *eloh*; akin to OHG *elaho*

elk, Gk *elaphos* deer] 1 *pl* usu *elk* a: the largest existing deer

(*Alces alces*) of Europe and Asia resembling but not so large as the

moose of No. America b: WAPITI c: any of various large Asiatic

deer 2: soft tanned rugged leather 3 *cap* [Benevolent and

Protective Order of *Elks*]: a member of a major benevolent and

fraternal order

elk-hound \ēlk-haund, -el-kaund\ n: NORWEGIAN ELKHOUND

el-lē \el\ n [ME *ella*, fr. OE] 1: a former English unit of length

(as for cloth) equal to 45 inches 2: any of various units of length

similar in use to the English ell

el-lē n [alter. of *el*] 1: an extension at right angles to the length

of a building 2: an elbow in a pipe or conduit

el-lē-gic acid \ē-lē-jik-, ē- n [F *ellagique*, fr. *ellag*, anagram of

galle gall]: a crystalline phenolic compound C₁₄H₆O₅ with two

lactone groupings that is obtained esp. from oak galls and some

tannins

el-lip-se \ē-lips, ē- n [Gk *ellipseis*] 1 a

: OVAL b: a closed plane curve generat-

ed by a point moving in such a way that

the sums of its distances from two fixed

points is a constant: a plane section of a

right circular cone that is a closed curve

2: ELLIPSES

el-lip-sis \ē-lip-sis, ē- n, *pl* *el-lip-ses*

\-ēz\ [L, fr. Gk *ellipseis* ellipse, *ellipse*,

fr. *elipein* to leave out, fall short, fr. *en* in

+ *leipein* to leave — more at IN LOAN] 1

a: the omission of one or more words

that are obviously understood but that

must be supplied to make a construction

grammatically complete <“the man that

bees” may be changed by ~ to “the man

he sees”> b: a leap or sudden passage without logical connectives

from one topic to another 2: marks or a mark (as ... or ...)

indicating the omission esp. of letters or words

el-lip-soid \ē-lip-soid, ē- n: a surface all plane sections of which

are ellipses or circles — *ellipsoid* or *el-lip-soid-dal* \ē-lip-soid-əl,

(ē)-\ *adj*

el-lip-tic \ē-lip-tik, ē- or *el-lip-ti-cal* \-ti-kəl\ *adj* [Gk *elleiptikos*

defective, marked by ellipsis, fr. *elipein*] 1 a: of, relating to, or

shaped like an ellipse b: of, relating to, or being a space in which

no line parallel to a given line passes through a point not on the line

2 a: of, relating to, or marked by ellipsis or an ellipsis b (1)

: of, relating to, or marked by extreme economy of speech or

writing (2): of or relating to studied obscurity of literary style —

el-lip-ti-cal-ly \-d-k(-)lē- *adv*

el-lip-ti-ci-ty \ē-lip-tis-ə-tē, (ē)-\ n: deviation of an ellipse or a

spheroid from the form of a circle or a sphere

elm \elm\ n [ME, fr. OE; akin to

OHG *elme* elm, L *ulmus*] 1

: any of a genus (*Ulmus*) of the

family Ulmaceae, the elm family

comprising large graceful trees

with alternate stipulate leaves and

small apetalous flowers 2: the

wood of an elm

elm bark beetle n: either of two

beetles that are vectors for the

fungus causing Dutch elm disease:

a: a beetle (*Hylurgopinus*

rufipes) native to eastern No.

America b: a European beetle

(*Scolytus multistriatus*) that is es-

tablished in eastern No. America

elm blight n: DUTCH ELM DISEASE

elm leaf beetle n: a small

orange-yellow black-striped Old

World chrysomelid beetle (*Pyrr-*

halia luteola) that is a leaf-eating pest of elms in eastern No.

America as a larva and as an adult

el-o-cu-tion \el-ə-kyū-shən\ n [ME *elocution*, fr. L *elocution*,

elocutio, fr. *elocutus*, pp. of *eloqui*] 1: the art of effective public

speaking 2: a style of speaking esp. in public — *el-o-cu-tion-ary*

\-shə-nər-ē- *adj* — *el-o-cu-tion-ist* \-sh(ə)-nist\ n

elo-dea \ē-lōd-ē-ə\ n [NL, genus name, fr. Gk *hēlōdēs* marshy, fr.

helos marsh; akin to Skt *saras* pond]: any of a small American

genus (*Elodea*) of submerged aquatic monocotyledonous herbs

el-og-n \ē-lōin\ w [ME *eloyen*, fr. MF *eloigner*, fr. OF, fr.